BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rulemaking to Repeal Rule 63.2(b) of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Rulemaking 02-01-010 (Filed January 9, 2002)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING NEW DATES FOR THE FILING OF COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS AND FOR REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REPEAL OF RULE 63.2(b)

On January 9, 2002, the Commission adopted an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR), which proposed the repeal of Rule 63.2(b)¹ regarding the automatic reassignment of the Administrative Law Judge in ratesetting proceedings and minor related changes to Rule 63.2(c) and (d).

The OIR included a preliminary schedule for the proceeding, based on our expectation that the notice and proposed Rule changes would be published in the California Regulatory Notice Bulletin on January 25, 2002. Since the adoption of the OIR, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has notified the Commission that the notice and proposed Rule changes cannot be published in the California Regulatory Notice Bulletin until February 1, 2002.

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¹ All Rule references are to the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, unless otherwise specified.

As a result of this change in publication date, the dates for filing comments and reply comments and the last date to request a public hearing on the proposed Rule change will be extended by seven (7) days,² as follows:

Required Action	<u>Date</u>
Publication of Notice and proposed Rule change in California Regulatory Notice Register	February 1, 2002
Last day for interested persons to request a public hearing on proposed Rule change	March 13, 2002
Last day for filing comments	March 18, 2002
Last day for filing reply comments	March 28, 2002

Written comments and requests for a public hearing shall be filed and served by no later than 5 p.m. on the above dates. A copy of these comments and requests shall also be mailed directly to me at 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 5041B, San Francisco, CA 94102 or e-mailed to me at tom@cpuc.ca.gov by no later than the above dates.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated January 28, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MYRA J. PRESTIDGE Myra J. Prestidge

² If any further delay in the publication of the Notice and proposed Rule change occurs, we will notify persons on the service list of new dates for filing and serving comments and reply comments and requesting a public hearing by subsequent ruling. However, based on our communications with OAL, we do not expect any additional delay in publication.

Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting New Dates for the Filing of Comments and Reply Comments and for Requesting a Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal of Rule 63.2(b) on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 28, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG Ke Huang

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